



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

Community Planning and Physical Services Committee
Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Room 312
Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 8:00 AM

In Attendance: Ben Wenograd, Shari Cantor, Chris Barnes, Dallas Dodge, Beth Kerrigan, Matt Hart, Kimberly Boneham, Mark McGovern, Todd Dumais, Duane Martin, Greg Sommer and Kristen Gorski.

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 8:00 am
2. Staff Reports
 - 1) Kimberly Boneham reviewed a new public act that would allow temporary structures to be located in yards without adherence to local ordinances. These structures are meant for the care of family members. The provisions are effective on October 1st unless a municipality opts out. After discussion it was decided the committee would recommend that West Hartford opt out, research the issue fully and consider a zoning ordinance to regulate accordingly.
 - 2) Mark McGovern reviewed a recent meeting that he and Matt Hart had with AT&T regarding Small Cell Sites planned for Prospect Ave. and New Park Ave. Small Cell Sites are designed to boost wireless communication transmissions in areas of need. A picture was distributed showing how the sites would appear. AT&T requested the meeting as a courtesy and have plans for only 2 sites. This is new technology that we may be deployed by other carriers.
3. Committee Correspondence
 - a. 08/29/2017 Minutes: Accepted
4. Continuing Business
 - a. Park Road /I-84 Construction Project

Duane Martin and Greg Sommer updated the committee on the status of the project. Approximately 100 residents attended the Public Information Meeting on Sept. 18th to learn about construction plans. The contract has been signed and construction will

commence in early October. The design was reviewed and the communications plan was discussed.

5. New Business

a. Parking Fees-West Hartford Center

John Phillips presented a recommendation to eliminate the \$7.00 maximum rate in the Brace, Farmington and Town Hall lots, which should push Center employees to the Town Center Garage to take advantage of the new rate program: \$4.50 for up to 8.5 hours, \$7 for over 8.5 hours and \$95 + tax monthly. If this occurs, it will free up spaces for customers.

Kristen Gorski updated the committee on her outreach efforts, including a recent meeting with the WH Center Business Association.

The Committee agreed to advance the resolution and place it on Oct. 10th Council agenda.

b. Engineering Projects Update

Duane Martin updated the committee on upcoming Engineering projects, including the Trout Brook Trail and Albany/Mountain. The Town received a \$1.5 million grant through CROG to widen the Mountain Road approaches to Route 44. It will likely take one year to design the project.

Questions were also asked and answered on topics such as the MDC tunnel project and DPW's organic waste pilot program. Approximately 100 homes have signed up in the project area west of the Center.

6. Adjournment: 8:47 am.

The next CPPS committee meeting will be held at **5:30pm on October 17, 2017.**